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EDITORIAL COMMENT.

MEETING OF THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF CRIMINAL LAW AND CRIMINOLOGY.

The second annual meeting of the American Institute of Criminal Law and Criminology will be held at the New Willard Hotel, Washington, D. C., on Saturday, October 1, in connection with the

INTERNATIONAL PRISON CONGRESS.

International Prison Congress, which meets in Washington at the same time. Judge W. H. De Lacy of the Washington Juvenile Court is chairman of the local committee on reception which will provide for the entertainment of delegates. On Saturday evening at seven o'clock there will be a dinner at the New Willard. The work of the Institute during the past year has been carried on mainly through committees appointed at the Chicago meeting in June of last year and has consisted principally of the preparation of reports on topics selected by the Institute for special investigation. Bulletin No. 1, containing a program of the work outlined for the year, was published in the May number of the JOURNAL. Bulletin No. 2, being a report of a committee to prepare a system for recording data concerning criminals, was published in the July number, and the reports of the committees on translations of European treatises on criminology, on criminal statistics and on probation, parole, pardon and indeterminate sentences are published in this number. Reports of committees on drugs and intoxicants, on organization of courts, and on criminal procedure are yet to be published. It is expected that these reports will be discussed at the forthcoming meeting of the Institute and the program for another year's work mapped out. Dean Lawson and Professor Keedy, who have been in England for some time making a study of English methods of criminal procedure, are expected to report the results of their investigations at the same time. Meanwhile the JOURNAL has been established so that the Institute now has an organ through which its cause may be promoted and the public reached.

J. W. G.

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE INTERNATIONAL PRISON CONGRESS.

The meeting of the International Prison Congress in Washington in October will bring together for the first time in America representatives of the different professions which come in contact with criminals and with the administration of the penal code, lawyers, legislators, administrators of institutions, educators and leaders of preventive and constructive philanthropy. The criminal law is tested under the hands of prison managers and those who follow the life of offenders and who study the very beginnings of crime in children and youth. A discussion carried on by such men cannot fail to be fruitful in thought and practice.

The journey of inspection and the discussion preceding the Congress will afford an admirable opportunity for intimate conversation and the exchange of views between the representatives of different